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Vancura

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AND METHOD THEREFOR

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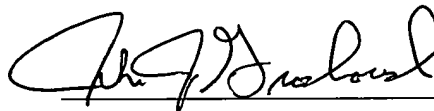
Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

I, John J. Grochowski, do hereby declare that:

- 1) I am a gaming columnist for the Chicago Sun Times and write two columns per week on gaming. These columns are re-distributed by the Detroit News and the Shreveport Times. I have authored five books on casino gambling and co-authored two others including *The Slot Machine Answer Book: How They Work, How They've Changed, and How to Overcome the House Advantage* (1999, Bonus Books), *The Casino Answer Book: How to Overcome the House Advantage When You Play Blackjack, Video Poker, and Roulette* (1998, Bonus Books), *The Video Poker Answer Book: How to Attack Variations on a Casino Favorite* (2000, Bonus Books), *Gaming: Cruising the Casinos with Syndicated Gambling Columnist John Grochowski* (1996, Running Count Press), *Winning Tips for Casino Games* (1995, Signet Reference), *109 Ways to Beat the Casinos: Short, Specific Tips that Make You a Winner From the Nation's Best Casino Gambling Writers* (2000, Bonus Books), *The Experts' Guide to Casino Games: Expert Gamblers Offer Their Winning Formulas* (1997, Carol Publishing). I also frequently write articles that appear in the following magazines: *Chance: The Best of Gaming*, *Midwest Gaming and Travel*, *Chance and Circumstance*, *International Gaming and Wagering Business*, *Slot Manager*, *Casino Executive*. Each year, several of these magazines solicit me to evaluate new casino games.
- 2) It is my belief that, for a long time, there has been a need for a casino game that allows players the opportunity to test their knowledge with awards based on their answers to questions. Currently, casino games exist that are based on television shows that test players' knowledge, but the casino adaptations of these shows do not include such a test of knowledge.
- 3) It is surprising to me that a casino game with such a test of a player's knowledge could be developed while remaining within regulatory and/or legal limits. I believe there is a risk, from players who know all the answers, that the game would not be able to conform to assuring a minimum house advantage.
- 4) All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

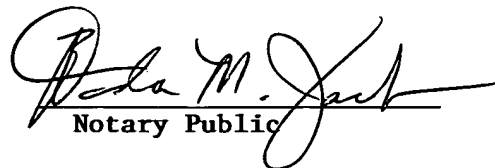
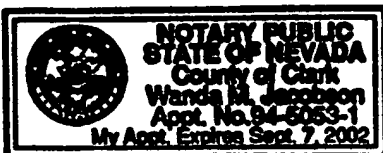
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Date



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This instrument was acknowledged before me on April 23, 2001 by
John J. Grochowski.



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